



# The Service for The Lord's Day

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS  
NICKEL-A-MEAL HUNGER OFFERING



April 14, 2024  
11:00 a.m.

### Welcome!

We especially welcome all guests and visitors. We are glad you are here!

### Live Stream Worship

Visit [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and then search for our church's channel - "First Presbyterian Church of Belmont, N.C."

### Realm Connect

Connect with our church (for visitors *as well as* members). Scan here to request access:



Or visit:

[onrealm.org/fpcbelmont](https://onrealm.org/fpcbelmont)

### Joining the Church

If you are interested in becoming a member of our church family, please speak to the Pastor or one of those assisting with Worship after the service.

### Publications

The *Harbinger* church newsletter, *These Days* and *The Upper Room* devotionals, and the *Joys & Concerns of the Church* pamphlet are available in the Gathering Area.

### Thank you

for muting mobile phones and refraining from taking any flash pictures during Worship.

### \* Asterisk \*

An asterisk indicates please stand as you are able.



Prelude

*Coronation March (1911)*

E. German

Chiming of the Trinity

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: Blessed are those who have not seen, yet have come to believe.

People: **O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good!  
God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Pastor: By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!

All: **Sing to God with joyful songs; tell of God's wonderful deeds!**

\*Invocation

\*Hymn 466

*O For a Thousand Tongues*

AZMON CM

- 1) *O for a thousand tongues to sing My dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of God's grace!*
- 2) *Jesus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.*
- 3) *Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, And sets the prisoner free;  
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me.*
- 4) *My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of Thy name.*

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth You have made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us trust Your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

*(Silent Prayers of Confession)*



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. on us.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

\*Congregational Response

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

\*Welcome — \*Passing the Peace of Christ — Announcements  
**The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.**

Nickel-A-Meal Hunger Offering

# Volunteers Today

Safety Greeters  
**Off-Duty Police Officer**  
Charles Cape

Ushers  
**11:00**

Kevin Cline  
Thomas Hunter  
Jan Leicht  
Josh Monza  
Nick Roselle  
Sarah Stewart

Audio-Visual Team  
Jim Deal

Acolytes  
Everette Pressley (11:00)  
Dean Roche (11:00)  
Ian Roche (11:00)

Prayers of the People  
Pastor

Youth Reader  
Ainsley VanderMeer

Scripture Reader  
Michelle Sanders

Music  
Children's Choir  
Robin Russell, *Director*  
Sherri Smith, *Piano*  
  
Sanctuary Choir  
David German, *Director*  
Pat Crowe, *Organ*

Carillon  
Mary McFarland

Children's Anthem

*Spirit of God*

Allen Pote

*As a flower turns to face the sun, I turn my life to the Holy One.  
As the winter turns to spring, new praises I will sing,  
For my heart is filled with the Spirit.  
The wind is never seen when it's blowing through the air.  
To feel the gentle breeze is know it is there.  
The breath of God like the wind, descending like a dove,  
Moving all around us, inspiring us to love!  
Love, love, love your neighbor.  
Love as God has loved you. Love, love, love from your heart.  
For this is what God wants you to do.  
We may not speak the same or even know your name  
but in the eyes of God we are one.  
When we are filled with the Spirit and bonded in love,  
the kingdom of God ahs begun.*

Minute for Mission

*Vacation Bible School*

Robin Russell

Offertory

*Every Valley*

J. Ness Beck

*Every Valley shall be exalted, and every mountain made low.  
And the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain.  
And the glory of Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.  
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Amen.*

\*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.***

\*Prayer of Dedication

Leader: We remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said  
"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Let us pray together:

**All: We give Thee but Thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is Yours alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.**

\*Hymn 387

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

RADBURY

Children are invited to *Sunday School* as we sing.

- 1) ***Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.***
- 2) ***Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.***
- 3) ***Early let us seek Thy favor; Early let us do Thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our bosoms fill:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.***

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Please join me in the Unison Prayer for Illumination. Let us pray.

**People: Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept Your Word. Silence in us any  
voice but Your own, that, hearing, we may also obey Your will; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Unison Reading

*Hebrews 11:1*

Leader: Our Unison Reading is from Paul's *Letter to the Hebrews*. Join with me.

**People: <sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,  
the conviction of things not seen.**

Unison Reading (continued)

Hebrews 12:1-2

People: <sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, <sup>2</sup>and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our *faith*, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding the shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 28:10-16; John 20:26-31

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

*“Seeing with the eyes of Faith”*

Sam Warner

Text: “[Day by day] *They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*” - Acts 2:42

\*Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles’ Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Hymn 84

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory* (verses 1 & 2)

- 1) *In the cross of Christ I glory, Towering o’er the wrecks of time; All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.*
- 2) *When the woes of life o’er take me, Hopes deceive, and fear annoy, Never shall the cross forsake me: Lo! it glows with peace and joy.*

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Mark Paschall

**Office of Elder**

**Office of Deacon**

Travis Cromlish	John McGill	John Devine	Augusta Smith
Terri Forsyth	Don Rogers <i>(Class of 2024)</i>	Summer Faulk	Chris Tolleson
Trisha Gerould	Anouk Taylor	Trisha Gulledge	Amy VanderMeer
Lynn Jenkins	Margaret Wilkins	Will Kieffer	

Constitutional Questions of Elders and Deacons

Daria Ragan

Constitutional Questions of the Congregation

Michelle Sanders

\*Prayer and Laying On of Hands

Sam Warner

\*The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn 84

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory* (verses 3 & 4)

- 3) *When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love up-on my way, From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.*
- 4) *Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the cross are sanctified; Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude — \*Carillon Voluntary

## **This Week**

### **Sunday, April 14**

*Third Sunday of Easter  
Ordination & Installation  
Nickel-a-Meal Offering*

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
**Children’s Ministry**  
 11:00 a.m. Worship  
 4:00 p.m. Girl’s Choir  
 5:00 p.m. Middle School Youth  
 6:30 p.m. High School Youth

### **Monday, April 15**

*Weekday School & Preschool*

11:00 a.m. Yoga for Parkinson’s  
 12:00 p.m. Yoga for Parkinson’s Fellowship  
 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer  
 6:30 p.m. **Youth Coordinating & Planning**  
 Boy Scout Troop 62  
 Cub Scout Pack 62

### **Tuesday, April 16**

*Weekday School & Preschool*

7:45 a.m. Belmont Ministers’ Breakfast  
 9:15 a.m. WDS *Gymnastics*  
 10:00 a.m. Book Club  
 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
 5:00 p.m. Daisy Troop  
 5:45 p.m. Rice N Beans  
 6:15 p.m. **Weekday School**

### **Wednesday, April 17**

*Weekday School & Preschool*

7:15 a.m. Men’s Fellowship  
 9:15 a.m. Preschool Chapel  
 9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study  
 11:00 a.m. FPC Sewing Group  
 12:30 p.m. Rotary of Belmont  
 3:15 p.m. School Age Chapel  
 4:15 p.m. Children’s Choir  
 5:00 p.m. WOW  
 5:00 p.m. Youth Spaghetti Fundraiser  
 6:15 p.m. Adult Handbells  
 6:30 p.m. Women with Faith *Grief Share*  
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir  
 7:30 p.m. High School Study

### **Thursday, April 18**

*Weekday School & Preschool*

9:00 a.m. WDS *Dance*  
 11:00 a.m. Worship Staff  
 3:00 p.m. WDS *Gymnastics*  
 5:00 p.m. Community Bible Study *(Leadership)*  
 6:30 p.m. Community Bible Study  
 7:00 p.m. Ala-Teen *(Scout Hut)*

### **Friday, April 19**

*Weekday School & Preschool*

### **Saturday, April 20**

7:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast

### **Sunday, April 21**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter  
The Lord’s Supper  
Sacrament of Baptism*

## Today

### ELDERS

Mark Paschall  
*Clerk of Session*

Lee Stewart  
*Assistant Clerk*

#### Class of 2023

Patricia Burke  
Christiana Decker  
Smitty Hanks  
Sue Johnson  
Angie Lee  
Chuck Moore  
Jeff Rhyne

#### Class of 2024

Jay Carpenter  
Karen Coffey  
Dave Comstock  
Keith Gogel  
Laurie Maultsby  
Carrie Minnich  
Charles Sellers

#### Class of 2025

Ashley Bruce  
Scott Burnett  
Bill Carstarphen  
Ann Davis  
Ted McGavran  
Deborah Walker  
Paula Wallace

### DEACONS

#### Class of 2023

Misty Amos  
Roger Bruce  
Abby Dawe  
John Henriksen  
Rich Jarman  
Michelle Sanders, *Chair*  
Meg Spivey

#### Class of 2024

Allen Buchanon  
Kevin Cline  
Kathryn Eaker, *Vice-Chair*  
Josh Monza  
Travis Page  
Megan Rhoden  
Eleanor Tolley

#### Class of 2025

Thomas Hunter  
Bow Lee  
Jan Leicht  
Nicholas Roselle  
Billy Simmons  
Sarah Stewart  
Selina Stowe

**Welcome All!** Please take a moment following the *Passing the Peace of Christ* and sign the Friendship Register near the aisle of each pew. We are glad you are here!

**Today is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter.** The color is White through *Eastertide* (March 31 to May 19) until *The Day of Pentecost* (May 28) when the liturgical color becomes Red.

**Today we ordain and install** new officers for service on the *Session* and *Board of Deacons*. We also express thanks to those officers completing their terms of service: *Patricia Burke, Christiana Decker, Smitty Hanks, Sue Johnson, Angie Lee, Chuck Moore* and *Jeff Rhyne* in the Class of 2023 as Elders; and *Misty Amos, Roger Bruce, Abby Dawe, John Henriksen, Rich Jarman, Michelle Sanders* and *Meg Spivey* in the Class of 2023 as Deacons.

**Visitor-Inquirer-New Member Class** for those interested in learning more about our church meets the first Sunday of each month in the Gathering Area at 9:45 a.m.

**Infant & Toddler Nursery** with Childcare Staff is offered each Sunday beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Room *EB 116*.

**Children's Sunday School** for *Preschoolers* through *5<sup>th</sup> Graders* meets in the *Library* at 9:45 a.m. and following *The Lord's Prayer* during *Worship* (8:30 and 11:00).

**Middle School Youth Sunday School** for *6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade* students meets in *Multipurpose Room E* at 9:45 a.m.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class** meets at 9:45 a.m. in *Multipurpose Room C*.

**High School Youth Sunday School** meets at 9:45 a.m. in *Room EB 105*.

**Adult Sunday School Classes** meet at 9:45 a.m. in the *Conference Room* (Feasting on the Word) and in the *Chapel* (Life-Applications).

**Middle School Youth** meets this evening (5:00-6:00).

**High School Youth** meets this evening (6:30-7:30).

## Wednesday

**Men's Midweek Fellowship** meets at 7:15 a.m. in the *Library* and through *Zoom* and begins a study of *George Barna's* book, *Think Like Jesus*. All are welcome.

**Women's Bible Study** meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the *Multipurpose Room*.

**FPC Sewing Group** meets 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the *Fellowship Hall*.

**WOW (Worship On Wednesdays)** for *Kindergarten* through *5th Graders* meets at 5:00 p.m. preceded by *Children's Choir* at 4:15 p.m.

**Youth Spaghetti Fundraiser** replaces *Wednesday Night Supper* this week with the meal served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and a menu of *Spaghetti, Salad, and Garlic Bread*. Pay in person with cash, check, or card for dine-in or carry-out. Proceeds will go toward *Youth Mission Trips*. Register on *Realm* or through the church website ([www.fpc-belmont.org](http://www.fpc-belmont.org)).

**Grief Share Support Group** led by *Daria Ragan* concludes this week at 6:30 p.m.

**Handbell Choir & Adult Choir** meets at 6:15 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m., respectively.

**Women with Faith** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in the *Parlor* at 6:30 p.m.

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**Evening Prayer** in the *Sanctuary* meets every Monday at 6 p.m.

**Men's Breakfast** meets every Saturday morning in the *Fellowship Hall* at 7:30 a.m.

**Wings & Beverages Event** for adults is April 23 at *Bearded Buffalo* from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Cost to attend is \$17 per person and includes *Wings, French Fries, Meatballs, Vegetable Tray, and Tea or Water*. Register on *Realm* by April 21.

### Ministry and Program Staff

The Rev. Samuel P. Warner, *Pastor*  
The Rev. Daria L. Ragan, *Associate Pastor*  
David German, *Director of Music Ministries*  
Pat Graham Crowe, *Organist*  
Robin Russell, *Director of Christian Education*  
Lee Wooden, *Youth Ministry Director*  
Allie Kleinheinz, *Christian Education Assistant*  
Jacob Johnson, *Christian Education Assistant*  
Tina Walker, *Weekday School Director*  
Kathy Goodman, *Weekday School Assistant Director*



### Administrative and Support Staff

Sherri Smith, *Church Administrator*  
Cathy Pennington, *Financial Administrator*  
Jessica White, *Communications Director*  
Ken Dole, *Building Superintendent*  
Paul Funkhouser, *Assistant Building Superintendent*  
Joyce Hester, *Weekday School & Church Housekeeping*  
Latissue Brown, *Weekday School Cook*  
Jennifer Davis, *Family Night Supper Coordinator*  
Mary McFarland, *Carillonneur*

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